



**Senate Committee on Transportation and Elections
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Wisconsin has a longstanding history of farming. The agriculture industry is one of the major motors of Wisconsin's economy.

Recognizing this, state law allows agriculture producers and shippers to exceed vehicle weight limits by up to 15 percent to transport corn, soybeans, potatoes, vegetables, and cranberries during the busy harvest season. Currently, the grace period is from September 1 through November 30.

New farm technology and heartier crops allow farmers to harvest later in the year. Senate Bill 195 allows Wisconsin's agriculture community to take advantage of those advances by extending the overweight grace period through December 31. This means farms will be able to employ workers longer and get the most financial benefit out of their crops, two things that help Wisconsin's economy.

Senate Bill 195 is common-sense, pro-farming, pro-growth legislation that is good for Wisconsin.

